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MEMORANDUM FOR ASSISTANT CHIEF OF STAFF, INTELLIGENCE

SUBJECT: Evidence Supporting USAF Proposal to Revise NIE 11-5-57

1. A special meeting of AFCIN-2, AFCIN-3 and AFCIN-4 analysts was held at ATIC on 13 and 14 September 1957 to consider the latest intelligence on Soviet ballistic missile activities. The resulting document "Air Force Estimate of the Soviet Ballistic Missile Program" is largely a technical analysis of pertinent intelligence available to the USAF. A meeting composed of certain members of the Guided Missile Working Group was held on 17 September 1957 to consider the attached document, its conclusions and its recommendations. Informal AFCIN coordination was accomplished at that time.

2. The acquisition of new intelligence on the Soviet guided missile program has permitted a one week's extension of GMIC and Board of National Estimates action on this subject. A superficial inspection of the new material does not result in a change in the conclusions previously reached. It is anticipated, however, that a considerable body of very significant intelligence will result from detailed analysis of the new material during coming months.

3. In view of action taken by other members of the GMIC to institute a revision of NIE 11-5-57 it is believed desirable to forward these presently coordinated AFCIN findings at the earliest opportunity to the Air Force member of the GMIC for action. The next GMIC meeting is scheduled for 27 September 1957.

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Air Force Estimate of Soviet  
Ballistic Missile Programs

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USAF review(s)  
completed.

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a GMIC member for USAF in  
addition to the chairman?*  
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MEMORANDUM FOR DIRECTOR OF ESTIMATES

SUBJECT: Proposed Revision of NIE 11-5-57

1. The attached document, "Air Force Estimate of Soviet Ballistic Missile Program", is the collaborative work of analysts from AFCIN-2, AFCIN-3 and AFCIN-4. It incorporates the latest technical estimates of AFCIN-4. The changes you recommended have been made. In addition, newly received intelligence has been given a preliminary examination and found to reinforce, but not change, the conclusions previously reached.

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3. It is recommended that the paper and conclusions be forwarded to the Air Force member of the GMIC for action. The Air Force member should disseminate among members of the GMIC the Air Force findings and conclusions as the basis for a proposed revision of NIE 11-5-57 prior to the next GMIC meeting scheduled for 27 September 1957.

4. AFCIN-2C makes the reservation that the conclusions stated above represent a most conservative estimate of Soviet capabilities. The AFCIN-2 representative has concurred in the findings in the interest of achieving a long overdue revision to the NIE 11-5-57 on a basis most likely to meet with community approval. The Air Force member of GMIC should not accept any less forceful appraisal of Soviet capabilities on the basis of present evidence.

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